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SUBJECT: VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AUSTRIA MEDIA REPORTED OVER WEEKEND THAT GOA HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, LOCATED ELSEWHERE IN WORLD, TO MOVE TO VIENNA. THIS WAS MAJOR POINT MADE BY CHANCELLOR KREISKY AND FONMIN BIELKA IN DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SWISS MEDIA WHO HAD BEEN INVITED TO VIENNA IN ORDER

"TO CLEAR AWAY SPECULATION AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING VIENNA'S UN CITY". KREISKY WAS QUOTED THAT "RELATIONS WITH SWITZERLAND ARE TOO IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL TO BE JEOPARDIZED IN SUCH FASION" WHILE BIELKA OBSERVED THAT AUSTRIA HAS NOT BEEN TRYING TO PROMOTE RELOCATION OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO VIENNA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SWISS REACTION TO "THREAT" WHICH VIENNA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UN CITY ALLEGEDLY POSES FOR GENEVA'S STATUS SEEMS TO

HAVE HAD DESIRED EFFECT. KREISKY'LED GOA, HAVING WON
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN OCTOBER 1975 NATIONAL ELECTIONS,
CAN NOW ADOPT LESS AGGRESSIVE STYLE IN TRYING TO FILL
OFFICE SPACE IN UN CITY. GOA ARGUMENTATION NOW BASED
LARGELY ON WHAT TERMED UN MORAL OBLIGATION TO SEE TO IT
THAT ALL AVAILABLE SPACE IS OCCUPED SINCE IT WAS BUILT
ON BASIS OF INITIAL, OVERLY OPTIMISTIC PROJECTION
OF SPACE NEEDS FOR IAEA AND UNIDO. BUCHANAN

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